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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted in reply to the  
Restriction Requirement mailed October 3, 2002, setting a one (1)  
month statutory period for response. Please enter the following  
amendments and remarks into the record.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claim 3.